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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Kenneth M. Carr
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Carr:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT STAFF FOR ACNW ACTIVITIES

This report is in response to a request from former Chairman Zech dated June 14, 1989 that the ACNW/ACRS comment on the effectiveness and efficiency of continuing a centralized (combined) support staff for the ACNW and ACRS versus a separate staff for the ACNW. The Committees have gained an additional year of experience working with the combined staff. This report is made in light of this experience.

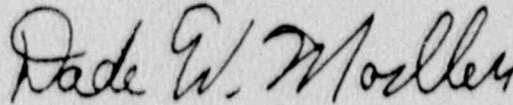
Based on the two years worth of experience with a combined staff, the Committees remain satisfied with the support they are receiving. Procedures and practices developed over the past 30 years for ACRS operations provide a basis for conduct of ACNW activities with which staff and Committee members are familiar. Sharing a combined staff has placed an increased burden on staff members because of expanded ACNW activities, but has resulted in an economical use of manpower. Although the Project Branches are distinct, many of the supporting functions for ACRS need not be duplicated by separate staff members and facilities for ACNW. Examples of shared functions include: receipt and distribution of documents, maintenance of files, travel arrangements, complying with FACA requirements, personnel actions, and budget preparation. A joint staff also ensures a better interface between the two Committees, facilitating an appropriate split of Committee activities, and sharing of expertise among the members.

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We remain convinced that a joint ACNW/ACRS staff will serve our needs and is in the best interest of the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, ACNW



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Chairman, ACRS

Reference:

Memorandum from Lando W. Zech, Jr. to Raymond F. Fraley, ACRS/ACNW,
June 14, 1989, Subject: Staff Support Requirements for the
Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste